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VISIT OF THE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE

TO ITALY AND THE HOLY SEE

MARCH 4-8, 1986

The Honourable James Kelleher, Minister of International Trade will accompany Her Excellency The Right Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, Governor General of Canada and The Honourable Maurice Sauvé on a State Visit to Italy and the Holy See, commencing March 4, 1986.

In Rome, the Minister will join the Governor General in official meetings with Francesco Cossiga, the President of Italy, and Prime Minister Bettino Craxi. Mr. Kelleher will also have separate discussions with the Minister of International Trade, Nicola Capria and the Minister of the Treasury, Giovanni Goria. This visit will permit Canada and Italy to explore the different aspects of our bilateral relations and examine the means by which we might expand and enhance further Canada's economic and commercial relations with Italy.

Minister Kelleher will join the Governor General in a State Visit to the Vatican which will include an audience with His Holiness Pope John Paul II. A meeting will also take place with His Eminence Cardinal Casaroli, Secretary of State of the Vatican.

The Minister will then travel with the Governor General to Turin on March 6 where they will be the guests of the Olivetti and Fiat Companies, March 7. While in Turin, Minister Kelleher will meet with the Mayor of Turin, Dr. Giorgio Cardetti.